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Mantua PTA Alert News April 10, 2012



Mantua PTA Wins National Family-School Partnership Award

Mantua's PTA has won the National Phoebe Apperson Hearst Family-School Partnership Award. This award is based on PTA's national standards for family involvement. According to the National PTA, Mantua was selected because of its demonstration of overall excellence in its family involvement programs. As part of the award, Mantua's PTA will receive a \$2,000, and will be recognized at the National PTA's annual convention in June.

In a press release issued April 4, the National PTA said, "Mantua PTA created a human relations committee to help bridge the gap between the school and the families of students in the community, which speak more than 40 different languages. The committee now has translators for school publications to help keep families of students informed of the school's progress, programs and events. In addition, the PTA implemented a mentorship program and extracurricular activities for students, as well as service projects for the elderly, families in need and sick children in the community."

"When families are engaged, students succeed. That's why we're proud to recognize Mantua PTA with this award. Mantua PTA truly understands that bringing family engagement into the school can positively impact student success," said Betsy Landers, National PTA President.

The PTA Executive Board Wants You!

The PTA board is looking for folks who like to work as a team for the common good of our school and its students and parents for the 2012-13 school year.

Nominations will be accepted for all positions. Voting will take place at the June

PTA meeting. Board responsibilities include attending monthly PTA meetings for one-year term, which runs June through June; budget development; planning and coordinating PTA activities, and job-specific responsibilities.

All positions, except president, can be either co-chaired or job-shared. Any position can have more than one nomination, and all will be voted on at the June PTA meeting. The board slate consists of the following positions: PTA president, first vice president(s), second vice president(s), treasurer, and secretary. If you are interested in any of these positions please contact one of the following nominating committee members: Lori Prendergast at 703-362-0888 or loripren@yahoo.com; Monica Cameron at 703-359-4298, or monica.cameron@cox.net for detailed information on the positions.

April PTA Meeting; Presentation by Sixth Grade Teacher Mr. Malc

Mantua's general monthly PTA meeting is this Thursday, April 12, at 7 p.m. in the library. Prior to the meeting (at 6:30 p.m.) come hear sixth grade teacher Mr. Malc give his take on the true meaning of "trophy" and "sorry."

Spirit Day

This Friday, April 13, is Mantua's Formal Day. Don't forget to wear your fancy clothes!

Mantua Faculty Basketball Game

Mantua faculty and parents will take on the Washington GreenHawks for a basketball game on April 27, at 7 p.m., at Woodson. The GreenHawks is the first and only green professional sports team. The team visits schools and delivers a positive message about being green while providing a highly entertaining event. Their antics resemble those of the Harlem Globetrotters. Ticket and t-shirt order information will be sent home in this week's Tuesday folders. Advanced tickets are \$4 for kids and \$8 for adults. T-shirt orders are due this Wednesday, April 11! Please return orders in your child's Tuesday folder. Volunteers are needed to make this event a success! Check out volunteer opportunities [HERE](#).

Helicopter Photo Order Deadline Extended

The deadline for ordering t-shirts and posters of the helicopter photo taken of Mantua's student body has been extended to this Friday, April 13.

Spring Picture Day

Class photos, as well as individual pictures, will be taken Wednesday, April 18. If pictures are not pre-ordered, a proof will be sent home and parents can order them online. Proofs will not be available for the class pictures, only for individual ones.

Parenting in the Digital Age

On Thursday, May 10, Pamela Huffman, Fairfax County Public Schools Family and School Partnerships facilitator will present information about the latest research on media use, a sampling of the digital marketplace (including Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, cell phones, Internet and more), an overview of our changing technological world, and your role as a parent in monitoring and guiding your child. Following the presentation, which will be at 7:30 p.m. immediately following the regular monthly PTA meeting, there will be time for parents to ask questions, and share suggestions, concerns and comments.

Refreshments will be served and childcare will be offered for a nominal fee. Look for more information about this informative presentation in your child's Tuesday folder.

Summer Camp Recommendations

The PTA is putting together a list of family-recommended summer camps on our website. Click [HERE](#) to visit the recommendation page, and click [HERE](#) to make your own suggestion! Please note that the PTA has not endorsed any of these camps, but has simply compiled a list of other families' recommendations.

Important Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 12: Monthly PTA Meeting

Friday, April 13: Mantua Spirit Day - wear your best clothes!

Wednesday, April 18: Spring Picture Day

Friday, April 27: Mantua teachers vs. GreenHawks basketball game

Woodson Summer Dance/Cheer Camp

The Woodson Cheerleaders and Precisionettes will hold their summer camp June 25-29. Dance will be 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and cheer will be 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. The camp

is open to all rising kindergarten through 9th grade students. Each camp is \$150 per child, or attend both camps for \$260 per child. Click [HERE](#) for more information or contact either Anne Foster, dancecamp11@yahoo.com, or Madelyn Weaver, madelynweaver@yahoo.com; 703-609-2416.

Woodson Girls Basketball Camp

Campers will learn about the fundamentals of basketball in addition to basketball skill work. Daily fun activities include "Wear Woodson Colors Day," "Player of the Day Recognition" from each team, "Aspire Higher Idol Day," and "Karaoke." The camp is June 25-29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., for ages 8-14. Click [HERE](#) for more information and an application form.

W.T. Woodson 5K Run/Walk

The 3rd annual W.T. Woodson 5K benefitting Autism Speaks will be held April 14 at 10 a.m. There is a \$15 entrance fee. For more information about the race, which is open to all runners and walkers, contact Samantha Hill at smhill1@fcps.edu. Registration forms can be found on the Woodson homepage at <http://www.fcps.edu/woodsonhs/>

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